2005 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide

Regulations apply August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006, unless otherwise noted



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Major Regulation Changes for 2005

- Early goose season regulations will be published in a separate guide, which will be available mid-August 2005.
- All of Dickinson County in the Upper Peninsula is open to woodcock hunting.
- O December pheasant hunting area has been expanded. See page 28.
- Fall wild turkey season extended through November 14, 2005.
- Late antlerless firearm season expanded by four counties. See page 18.
- The archery and late firearm deer seasons close January 1, 2006.
- O Coyote hunting in Zone 2 is closed from November 15 30.
- Additional requirements for fox-coyote non-lethal snaring. See pages 38-39.
- O Bobcat must be registered within 10 days of the season in which they were harvested.
- Bear hunters on private lands, excluding commercial forest lands, may use bait containers for hunting black bear.
- Dear hunters may use ground blinds on state lands in the bear management unit for which they are licensed. Blinds may be placed from August 10 (Zone 1 units) or August 17 (Zone 2 units) through five days after the close of the bear season, or five days after harvesting a bear.

Reminders for 2005

- Private Land Antlerless Licenses are not valid on Commercial Forest Lands.
- Out-of-state deer and elk hunters see import restriction on pages 21-22.
- OR one combination license. It is unlawful to purchase additional archery, firearm or combination licenses.
- If you are planning to hunt any migratory birds (ducks, geese, doves, woodcock, snipe, rails, etc.) this fall, you must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) endorsement printed on your small game license. See page 29.

Hunter Harassment

Hunters in Michigan have the right to enjoy their sport free from deliberate interference. Individuals whose hunting is being obstructed should promptly report the violation to a local conservation officer, the nearest DNR Operations Service Center or by calling 800-292-7800. Complaints also can be submitted online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

REPORT ALL POACHING Call: 800-292-7800

TTY—HEARING IMPAIRED, 711 (MICHIGAN RELAY CENTER)

Hunting License Fees*

Tunting License rees				
License	License	Minimum	Fee	
Number	Type	Age		
Deer*				
140	Resident Firearm Deer	14	\$15.00	
141	Senior Firearm Deer (residents only)	65	\$6.00	
145	Resident Archery Deer	17 ⁶	\$15.00	
146	Senior Archery Deer (residents only)	65	\$6.00	
147	Junior Archery Deer	12-16	\$7.50	
142	Nonresident Firearm Deer	17 ⁴	\$138.00	
148	Nonresident Archery Deer	17 ⁴	\$138.00	
		17 ⁶		
340	Combination Deer Resident		\$30.00	
341	Combination Deer Senior	65	\$12.00	
342	Combination Deer Junior	12-16 ⁵	\$15.00	
343	Combination Deer Nonresident	174	\$276.00	
Elk*				
170	Resident Elk Application ³		\$4.00	
<u>171</u>	Elk ¹ (residents only)	14	\$100.00	
Fur Harvester-Valid through March 31, 2006				
190	Resident Fur Harvester	17 ⁶	\$15.00	
191	Senior Fur Harvester (residents only)	65	\$6.00	
192	Junior Fur Harvester	12-16	\$7.50	
195	Junior Fur Harvester (trap only)	up to 16	\$7.50	
193	Nonresident Fur Harvester	17 ⁴	\$150.00	
Bear*				
180	Bear Application ³		\$4.00	
181	Resident Bear ¹	12	\$15.00	
182	Senior Bear ¹	65	\$6.00	
183	Nonresident Bear ¹	17 ⁴	\$150.00	
Small Game-Valid through March 31, 2006 except 3-day licenses				
130	Resident Small Game	17^{6}	\$15.00	
131	Senior Small Game (residents only)	65	\$6.00	
132	Junior Small Game	12-16	\$1.00	
133	Nonresident Small Game	17-16 17 ⁴	\$69.00	
134		17		
	3-Day Nonresident Small Game	17	\$30.00	
	nting Preserve-Valid through March 31, 2006	10	¢1 = 00	
139	Gamebird Hunting Preserve	12	\$15.00	
Waterfowl*	NA () () 1.2	1.6	¢Ε.00	
135	Waterfowl ²	16	\$5.00	
136	Reserved Waterfowl Hunt Application ³	2	\$4.00	
137	Daily Managed Waterfowl Hunt	123	\$4.00	
138	Annual Managed Waterfowl Hunt	12 ³	\$13.00	
Fall Turkey*				
160	Fall Turkey Application ³		\$4.00	
161	Resident Turkey ¹	12	\$15.00	
162	Senior Turkey ^{1'} (residents only)	65	\$6.00	
163	Nonresident Turkey 1	174	\$69.00	
000	DNR Sportcard		\$1.00	

^{*}These hunting licenses expire at the end of the season for which they are issued.

¹ Eligibility based on success in drawing.

² A federal duck stamp also is required to hunt waterfowl if you are age 16 or older.

³ Minimum age and hunter safety requirement must be met at the time licenses are purchased.

 ⁴ Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase resident licenses.
⁵ Not valid for 12- and 13-year-olds unless archery only hunting.
⁶ Residents and nonresidents under age 17 may purchase the junior license at reduced price. See page 33 for exceptions.

License Information

To purchase a hunting or fur harvester license, you must have one of the following:

• A valid Michigan Driver License.

 A valid Michigan ID Card (issued by the Secretary of State) with additional proof of residency, such as a Michigan voter registration card.

• A Michigan DNR Sportcard (issued through license dealers).

All hunters born on or after January 1, 1960, also must present their hunter safety certificate, previous hunting license or sign their license in the presence of the license dealer. This also applies to hunters who intend to hunt furbearers under a fur harvester license.

- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature certifies that you meet the residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase the license.
- When hunting or trapping, you must carry your license and the identification used to purchase that license.
- It is illegal to use another person's hunting license.

Note: A junior fur harvester-trap only license is available for youngsters who do not satisfy the training requirements for purchasing a hunting license.

To qualify for any adult resident hunting or fur harvester license, you must meet one of the following criteria:

• Have a permanent residence in Michigan.

• Be a full time student at a Michigan college or university.

 Serve full time in the U.S. Military and be officially stationed in Michigan.

The ownership of land in Michigan by itself is not a qualification for a resident license.

Persons serving in the U.S. Military, who, at the time of enlistment, were residents of Michigan and who have maintained resident status for the purposes of obtaining a driver license or voting and who are stationed outside the state, may purchase any hunting license that does not require a separate application for \$1. The individual must present leave papers, duty papers, military orders or other evidence acceptable to the department verifying that he or she is stationed outside the state and a Michigan driver license or voter registration. These licenses, available at DNR Operations Service Centers, are valid for up to two weeks during the established season. The license buyer can designate the exact hunting period.

Sportsperson Discount

A 15 percent discount is provided when four or more hunting or fishing licenses are purchased at one time for the same person. The waterfowl hunting license, 24-hour fishing license and all-species upgrade license are not eligible for this discount.

Restricted Hunting Applications

Applications for restricted hunt drawings (bear, elk, antlerless deer, turkey and waterfowl) may be purchased during the designated application period from licensed dealers, or online at: www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Application Period			
Spring Wild Turkey Hunting	January 1-February 1		
Bear Hunting	April 15-May 15		
Elk Hunting	June 15-July 15		
Antlerless Deer Hunting	July 1-August 1		
Fall Wild Turkey Hunting	July 1-August 1		
Reserved Waterfowl Hunts	August 1-28		

Special Rules for Young Hunters (12-16 Years of Age) **See page 30 for Youth Hunting Opportunities.**

Small-game hunters can be licensed at age 12. Youngsters may accompany an adult legally hunting, dog training or trapping without a license if the youth does not carry a firearm, slingshot or bow and arrow.

Exception: Everyone 12 or older is required to have a license to hunt when participating in a bear or bobcat hunt with dogs.

To obtain a hunting license, your parent or guardian must accompany you to a license dealer. You must fill out an application and present your Michigan hunter safety certificate at this time. For information on hunter safety classes, contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center (back cover) or check the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Hunters under age 17, when afield, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 17 or older designated by their parent or guardian. "Accompanied by" requires the adult to maintain unaided visual and verbal contact with the youngster. This rule does not apply when hunting lands on which your parent or guardian lives.

Nonresidents under the age of 17 may purchase resident and junior licenses.

The minimum age requirements for all licenses are listed on page 4. Youngsters who apply for a license through a drawing must be the minimum age when the license is purchased.

Resident junior archery deer hunting, junior small game, and junior fur harvester licenses are available to resident and nonresident hunters, ages 12-16, and grant the same privileges as the adult licenses.

Lost Licenses and Hunter Safety Certificates

If you lose your Michigan fishing, hunting or fur harvester license, you may purchase a replacement at any license dealer. You must provide the ID number used to purchase the original license. The full price will be charged to replace any license with a kill tag. All other licenses cost \$3 to be replaced.

For a replacement Michigan hunter safety certificate, contact a DNR Operations Service Center or call 517-373-3292.

Hunting and Trapping and Rifle/Shotgun Zones

Michigan is divided into Zones 1-2-3.

Zone 1 includes all of the Upper Peninsula. The dividing line between Zones 2 and 3 is: From the Lake Michigan shoreline north of Muskegon Lake easterly on Memorial Drive to Ruddiman Drive to Lake Avenue, easterly on Lake Avenue to M-120 in North Muskegon, northeasterly on M-120 to M-20, easterly on M-20 to US-10, easterly on US-10 to Garfield Road in Bay County, northerly on Garfield Road to Pinconning



Road, easterly on Pinconning Road to Seven Mile Road, northerly on Seven Mile Road to Lincoln School Road (County Road 25) in Arenac County, northerly on Lincoln School Road to M-61, easterly on M-61 to US-23, easterly on US-23 to center line of AuGres River, southerly along center line of AuGres River to Saginaw Bay, easterly 90 degrees east for 7 miles into Saginaw Bay, then northerly 78 degrees east to the International Boundary.

Exception: The waterfowl hunting zone lines differ from those above. Refer to the 2005-2006 Waterfowl Hunting Guide for zone descriptions.

The dividing line between the northern rifle deer hunting zone and the southern shotgun zone is as follows: Starting at a point on the Lake Michigan shoreline directly west of M-46, then easterly to M-46, then easterly along M-46 to US-131 at Cedar Springs, southerly on US-131 to M-57, easterly on M-57 to Montcalm Road on the Kent-Montcalm county line, southerly on Montcalm Road and the Kent-Ionia county line to M-44, easterly on M-44 to M-66, northerly on M-66 to M-57, easterly on M-57 to M-52 near Chesaning, northerly on M-52 to M-46, easterly on M-46 to M-47, northerly on M-47 to US-10 west of Bay City, easterly on US-10 to I-75, northerly on I-75 and US-23 to Beaver Road (about 1 mile north of Kawkawlin), easterly to Saginaw Bay, north 50 degrees east to the International Boundary.

Firearm and Bow and Arrow Rules

Note: The rules listed below may not apply to a person having a concealed pistol license or a person specifically exempt by law from a concealed pistol license and who carries their handgun in accordance with their license or exemption.

Shell Capacity for Shotguns and Centerfire Rifles

It is unlawful to hunt with a semi-automatic shotgun or semi-automatic rifle, other than a .22 caliber rimfire, that can hold more than six shells in the barrel and magazine combined. Fully automatic firearms are illegal. All shotguns used for migratory game birds (including woodcock) must be plugged so the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells.

Archery Deer Seasons

During the archery deer seasons, it is illegal to carry afield a pistol, revolver or other firearm while bow hunting for deer.

Exceptions: This prohibition does not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license. This does not authorize the individual to use the pistol to take game except as provided by law. During special antlerless firearm deer seasons, a firearm deer hunter may carry afield a bow and arrow or firearm.

November 10-14

It is unlawful to carry afield or transport any rifle (including rimfire) or shotgun if you have buckshot, slug, ball loads or cut shells.

Exception: You may transport a firearm to your deer camp or to a target range during this period if the firearm is properly transported as described on pages 9-10. A resident who holds a fur harvester license may carry a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm while hunting furbearers or checking a trap line during the open season for hunting furbearers or trapping furbearing animals. You also may target shoot on your own property provided there is no attempt to take game.

November 15-30 Firearm Deer Season

It is illegal for a person taking or attempting to take game to carry or possess afield a centerfire or muzzleloading rifle, a bow and arrow, a centerfire or black powder handgun, or a shotgun with buckshot, slug or ball loads or cut shells, unless you have in your possession a 2005 firearm deer, combination deer or antlerless deer license with an unused kill tag issued in your name, or a 2005 firearm deer, combination deer or antlerless deer license issued in your name with an unused deer management assistance permit (DMA) kill tag.

Muzzleloading Deer Seasons

During the December muzzleloading seasons, muzzleloading deer hunters can carry afield and use only a muzzleloading rifle, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a black power handgun loaded with black powder or a commercially manufactured black powder substitute.

All Firearm Deer Seasons-Rifle Zone (See page 7)

In the rifle zone, deer may be taken with handguns, rifles, bows and arrows, shotguns and muzzleloading firearms including black powder handguns. It is legal to hunt deer in the rifle zone with any caliber of firearm except a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire (rifle or handgun). Crossbows are legal to use by a person 14 years of age or older during the November 15-30 firearm deer season. **Exception:** See Muzzleloading Deer Seasons for restrictions during this season.

All Firearm Deer Seasons-Shotgun Zone (See page 7)

In the shotgun zone, all hunters afield from November 15-30, and all deer hunters in this zone during other deer seasons, must abide by the following firearm restrictions or use a bow and arrow. Crossbows are legal to use by a person 14 years of age or older during the November 15-30 firearm deer season. Legal firearms are as follows:

- A shotgun may have a smooth or rifled barrel and may be of any gauge.
- A muzzleloading rifle or black powder handgun must be loaded with black powder or a commercially manufactured black powder substitute.
- A conventional (smokeless powder) handgun must be .35 caliber or larger and loaded with straight-walled cartridges and may be singleor multiple-shot but cannot exceed a maximum capacity of nine rounds in the barrel and magazine combined.

Exception: See Muzzleloading Deer Seasons for restrictions during this season. From November 15-30, .22 caliber or smaller rimfire rifles and handguns may be used to kill raccoon while hunting raccoons with dogs between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

License Requirement-Possession of Firearms and Bows and Arrows

A person taking or attempting to take game and in possession of a firearm, slingshot or bow and arrow must have the appropriate hunting license with them and must produce the license upon the request of a conservation officer or other law enforcement officer.

A hunting license is not required when target practicing or sighting-in a firearm at an identifiable, artificially constructed target, and there is no attempt to take game. A hunting license is not required for the carrying of a pistol for personal protection by a camper, hiker or person engaged in other recreational activities if there is no attempt to take game.

Transporting Firearms and Bows and Arrows

A hunting license is not required while transporting a firearm enroute to or from a target, trap or skeet range, or target shooting area and there is no attempt to take game.

At all times, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloading and other firearms and bows and arrows carried in or on any type of motor vehicle, including ORVs and

snowmobiles, must be unloaded in both barrel and magazine, and either enclosed in a case, or unstrung, or carried in the trunk of a vehicle with a trunk. These rules apply whether your vehicle is parked, stopped, moving or is on private or public property. A firearm transported in a motor-propelled boat or sailboat must be unloaded in both barrel and magazine when the motor is operating or the boat is under sail and may not be loaded until the momentum of the boat has ceased. Firearms must be unloaded in the barrel, and all arrows must be in a quiver when a hunter is afield outside the legal hunting hours. **Exception:** These rules do not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license or properly carried under authority of a specific exception from the requirement of a concealed pistol license.

A percussion cap muzzleloading longarm is considered unloaded if the percussion cap is removed. A flintlock muzzleloading longarm is considered unloaded if the cock is left down and the pan is open. Black

powder handguns must be transported as stated above.

Safety Zones Around Buildings

Safety zones are all areas within 150 yards (450 feet) of an occupied building, house, cabin, or any barn or other building used in a farm operation. No person, including archery and crossbow hunters, may hunt or discharge a firearm, crossbow or bow in a safety zone, or shoot at any wild animal or wild bird within a safety zone, without the written permission of the owner or occupant of such safety zone. The safety zone applies to hunting only. It does not apply to indoor or outdoor shooting ranges, target shooting, law enforcement activities or the discharge of firearms, crossbows or bows for any non-hunting purpose.

Statewide Handgun Regulations

Note: The rules listed below may not apply to a person having a concealed pistol license or a person specifically exempt by law from a concealed pistol license and carrying their handgun in accordance with their license or exemption.

- While in the field, handguns must be carried in plain view. Carrying a handgun in a holster in plain view is permitted.
- You may transport your registered handguns while enroute to and from your hunting or target shooting area; however, handguns, including BB guns larger than .177 caliber and all pellet guns must be unloaded and in a closed case designed for the storage of firearms in the trunk of the vehicle. If the vehicle does not have a trunk, the handgun must be unloaded and in a closed case designed for the storage of firearms and cannot be readily accessible to any occupant of the vehicle.
- It is a crime for certain felons to possess firearms, including rifles and shotguns, in Michigan. For more information regarding statewide handgun regulations, obtaining a concealed pistol license or Michigan concealed weapons and firearms laws, contact your local police department.

Hunter Orange Clothing Requirements

You may not hunt with any device, or trap with a firearm, on any lands during daylight hunting hours from August 15-April 30 unless you wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear of highly visible color, commonly referred to as "Hunter Orange." During the November firearm deer season, this law applies to all deer hunters, including those hunting with a bow and arrow. The garment, featuring Hunter Orange, must be the outermost garment and must be visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments, with 50 percent or more of the surface in Hunter Orange, are legal.

Exception: This law does not apply to persons hunting waterfowl, crow or wild turkey, or to archery bear hunters, or archery deer hunters except during the November firearm deer season.

Tagging Big Game

Immediately after killing a deer, bear, elk or turkey, you must validate your kill tag and fasten it to the antler, lower jaw or lower leg in such a manner that the tag remains securely attached to the animal. Make sure the kill tag is completely legible and visible for inspection. It is unlawful to tag an animal you did not legally kill. The kill tag must remain attached until you process or butcher the animal, or the animal is accepted for processing and recorded by a commercial processor or taxidermist.

Note: If the antlers or head are returned to the person submitting the animal to the commercial processor, the kill tag shall accompany the head or antlers.

Transportation of Game

You may transport your own and another person's lawfully taken game. You cannot destroy the identity or evidence of the sex of any bird or animal, except for processed or butchered deer, bear and elk as noted below. If you are transporting migratory birds, one fully feathered wing must be left on the bird. If transporting another person's migratory birds, they must be tagged with the person's name, signature, home address, number of birds by species, dates of kill and small game license number.

If you butcher your deer, elk or bear, or have the animal butchered by a commercial processor before going home, the head of the animal along with the kill tag or seal must accompany the butchered animal during transport.

Exception: If you submit the head for TB or CWD testing, you must have the kill tag and disease tag receipt in your possession. Nonresidents may need to comply with restrictions in other states for importing game taken in Michigan.

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Hunting Hours

Below is a map of the 2005-2006 hunting hour time zones. Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) for Zone A are printed on page 13.

To determine the opening (a.m.) and closing (p.m.) time for any day in another zone, add the minutes shown below to the times listed in the Zone A Hunting Hours Table.

The hunting hour listed in the table reflects Eastern Standard Time, with an adjustment for Daylight Savings Time. If you are hunting in Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson or Menominee counties (Central Standard Time), you must make an additional adjustment to the printed time by subtracting one hour.

Exceptions: Woodcock hunting hours are sunrise to sunset. Spring turkey hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset. Waterfowl hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. See page 32 for rules about hunting raccoon, fox, coyote and opossum at night.



Zone A. Bear, Deer, Fall Wild Turkey, Furbearer and Small Game Hunting Hours Table* One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset (adjusted for Daylight Savings Time)

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Recreational Trespass

Trespassing is illegal and seriously erodes support for recreational hunting. Permission is required from the landowner or leaseholder before you may hunt on any farm lands or connected woodlots or on any posted private land. Landowners may grant verbal permission. Hunters are required to produce their hunting license to landowners upon request.

If you wound an animal or bird and it runs or flies onto private property, you have no legal right to pursue it without permission of the landowner. Without permission of the landowner, you are trespassing and

subject to prosecution.

Float Hunting

Hunting and trapping are exclusive rights of landowners bordering the waterway and their invited guests. Float hunters need permission to enter lands protected by the recreational trespass law. You may float hunt public lands open to hunting.

Townships with Hunting Restrictions

- No hunting with firearms in Oakland County townships of Auburn, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield, Farmington, Southfield and Waterford. (State lands in Waterford Township are open.)
- No hunting with firearms in Macomb County townships of Clinton, Sterling or Harrison.
- No hunting with firearms in Wayne County townships of Redford and Northville, and in the city of Detroit, including waters of the Detroit River.
- Grosse Ile Township in Wayne County is closed to all hunting.

Parts of townships in these counties are closed to hunting or restricted to types of firearms or the discharge of firearms as posted: Alcona, Arenac, Barry, Berrien, Crawford, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Iosco, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Livingston, Macomb, Manistee, Mason, Oakland, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Saginaw, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne. (These areas are posted with the restrictions.) For descriptions, contact the appropriate township clerk or township police department.

Information for Hunters with Disabilities

Legally blind hunters may take an animal during the lawful hunting hours for that animal using a **crossbow** or **laser sighting device** if the following conditions are met:

• The person is assisted by a sighted person who is at least 18 years of

age.

 The sighted person must possess proof of a current or previous hunting license or proof of successful completion of a Hunter Safety class, and

• The legally blind person must possess the appropriate hunting license and proof of impairment in the form of a Secretary of State ID Card.

Modified Bow Permit

A person applying for a modified bow permit must be permanently disabled, have full use of only one arm, and upon investigation is unable to hold, aim and shoot a bow or compound bow. To apply, contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center.

Crossbow Permits for Disabled Hunters

A hunter with a disability applying for a crossbow permit must have at least 80 percent permanent disability, in combination or individual impairment, of a hand, elbow or shoulder. The disability may be the result of amputation or other injury or disability. To apply, contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center, or call 517-373-1204.

Standing Vehicle Permit and Special Disabled Firearm Hunt

A person applying for a standing vehicle permit must be unable to walk due to being a paraplegic or an amputee or must be permanently disabled and unable to walk due to other disease or injury. To apply, contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center. A person issued a permit to hunt deer from a standing vehicle may hunt deer with a firearm on private lands October 15-16, 2005.

Resident Veterans who are Disabled

A resident who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled, for a disability other than blindness, and entitled to full benefits, is eligible to purchase any senior licenses. A letter from the Veterans Administration stating you are totally and permanently disabled and eligible for veterans benefits at the 100 percent rate is required.

Use of Ground Blinds on Public Land by Hunters with Disabilities

Any person who has been issued a permit to hunt from a standing vehicle, or who has been issued a disabled person parking permit by the Secretary of State, or who meets the disability standards set forth in the Michigan Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Law, may use a constructed ground blind on public land. If the constructed ground blind is left overnight on public land, the following conditions must be met:

- O The blind is placed on public land no earlier then 10 days prior to the hunting season for which it is used and is removed at the end of the season for which it is used.
- The disabled person has attached, etched, engraved or painted their name and address on the blind.
- Fasteners, if used to anchor or attach the blind, cannot penetrate the bark of a tree and must be removed with the blind.
- A non-disabled person can assist a disabled person in constructing a legal blind on public land.

Note: See note on page 45 for removal exemption on local public agency lands.

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White-tailed Deer:

Antlered deer means a deer having at least one antler that extends three inches or more above the skull. **Antlerless deer** means a deer without antlers, or with antlers where the longest antler extends less than three inches above the skull.

If you take two antiered deer, one of the two antiered deer must have at least one antier with four or more antier points one inch or longer. This deer can be taken first or second in either an archery, firearm or muzzleloading season.

A person is limited to purchasing only two kill tags for taking an antlered (buck) deer. You may purchase one archery license **AND** one firearm license (one kill tag each) **OR** one combination license (two kill tags).

Archery Deer Hunting License

It is unlawful to purchase more than one archery deer hunting license. This license entitles residents and nonresidents 12 or older to take one antlered or antlerless deer during the October 1-November 14 or December 1-January 1 open bow and arrow deer season. **Exceptions:** See page 17.

Firearm Deer Hunting License

It is unlawful to purchase more than one firearm deer hunting license. Residents and nonresidents 14 or older may take a deer with at least one antler three inches or longer during the November 15-30 firearm season or during the muzzleloading season. **Exceptions:** See page 17.

Combination Deer Hunting License

Residents and nonresidents are entitled to purchase only one license with two kill tags (regular and restricted) for use during any firearm hunting season (regular firearm and muzzleloading) or archery seasons. A hunter can use both kill tags in the firearm seasons, both in the archery season or one in each season. Youngsters 12 and 13 are restricted to archery-only hunting.

The regular combination kill tag can be used in the archery seasons to tag either an antlered or antlerless deer. The regular combination kill tag can be used in the firearm seasons to tag a legal (3 inches or longer antler) antlered deer of any size except for those areas with exceptions as noted on page 17.

The restricted combination kill tag can be used in the archery seasons to tag an antlerless deer. It also can be used to tag an antlered deer during either the archery or firearms seasons if the antlered deer has at least one antler with four or more antler points each one inch or longer. It is unlawful to use this tag on a smaller antlered deer regardless of the season or area in which it was taken.

Exception: See tagging option for antlerless hunters on page 17.

Antlerless Deer Hunting License

Entitles residents and nonresidents 12 and older to take an antlerless deer or deer with antlers less than three inches in length. Youngsters 12 and 13 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Antlerless licenses are valid during all deer seasons with hunting equipment appropriate for the season and hunting zone. See the 2005 Antlerless Deer Hunting Guide for information.

Junior Antlerless Deer Hunting License

Young hunters, ages 12 to 16 on or before September 24, 2005, may purchase one antlerless deer license over the counter July 1 through August 1. No application fee or drawing is required. These licenses are available only in deer management units open to the taking of antlerless deer. A youth must appear in person with a parent or